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Raccoon Rex

by Ruth Donnelly

I walk by night, in darkness.
I sneak without a sound.
I overturn the garbage can.
Oh! What a treat I've found!

I grab the picnic sandwiches.
(I haven't yet been seen.)
I take my bounty to the brook





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But I'm just having fun!

A mask of fur around my eyes,
A smile upon my face,
My paws can open garbage cans.
I move with stealth and grace.

I steal from people's garden plots,
From porches and from decks.
Yes, I'm a fearless bandit--
And my name is Raccoon Rex!

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1. According to the poem, a raccoon is much like a....

- a. gardener
- b. carpenter
- c. thief
- d. chef



2. How do the campers feel in this poem?

- a. disappointed
- b. exhausted
- c. satisfied
- d. angry

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4. The sixteenth line of the poem says, "*I move with stealth and grace.*"
Define the word *stealth*. Use a dictionary if you need help.


Challenge: Look up the word raccoons in an encyclopedia.
Find out what raccoons eat in the wild.

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Raccoon Rex Vocabulary Match



Re-read "Raccoon Rex" and complete the vocabulary table.

Line Number	Word from the Poem	Synonym
Line 9	creep	
		
Line 19		outlaw
	fearless	
Line 8		shining
Line 7		creek

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Creative Writing Task



How might campers protect their food from being stolen by Raccoon Rex? On the lines below, write a paragraph to describe your idea. Then, on a separate sheet of white paper, draw a detailed picture to illustrate your idea.

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ANSWER KEY

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1. According to the poem, a raccoon is much like a.... **c**
- a. gardener b. carpenter
c. **thief** d. chef



2. How do the campers feel in this poem? **d**
- a. disappointed b. exhausted

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The raccoon takes the sandwiches (food) to the creek.

4. The sixteenth line of the poem says, "I move with stealth and grace."
Define the word stealth. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Stealth means to move around without being noticed.

Challenge: How might campers protect their food from raccoons?
Write your answer on the back, or on a separate sheet of paper.


Answers will vary.

ANSWER KEY

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Line 9	creep	sneak
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Line 19	bandit	outlaw
Line 19	fearless	brave
Line 8	squeaky	shining
Line 7	brook	creek